

Chet's WTS – Traditional wet fly, variation of the Light Cahill



Hook Size: 14 - 18

Style / Make: Standard wet fly or 1X long 2X long heavy

Thread: Yellow

Tying Materials:

1. Tail – Wood Duck
2. Body – medium to light yellow dubbing
3. Throat – Wood Duck
4. Wing – Lemon wood duck

Tying Procedure:

1. Start thread at eye and cover shank to bend
2. Tie in tail no more than ½ shank length extended beyond body
3. Dub body to eye, leaving room to tie in throat and wing
4. Tie in throat on underside of hook, tips should just cover the hook point
5. Tie in wing (wet fly style) about or slight past body
6. Finish head

Comments: I prefer the light gray wood duck flank feathers for the tail and the throat and use lemon wood duck for the wing. Sorry, I can't give a specific dubbing as I used some I blended myself years ago; I remember that it was rabbit and some synthetic to give it a bit of sparkle.

The fly has proven effective for me when the sulphurs are coming off and there are no rises or sporadic rises or on the rare occasions when the hatch is so heavy that I can't tell if my dry is being hit because of the sheer number of rises (only happened twice) as you can feel the strike. Fish with an occasional lift of the rod tip to imitate an emerging fly. It has also worked just fishing it in the traditional wet fly manner.

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